

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an amendment received May 6, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-16.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 September 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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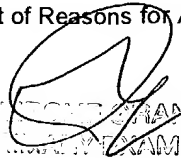
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6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER

Reasons for Allowance

1.

Claims 1, 3, 9 and 10 are allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach or suggest in claimed combination, "... wherein said generating step combines an inverse function of an input level-brightness conversion property of the object scanner, an input level-brightness conversion property of the standard scanner, and the brightness-density conversion condition of the standard scanner so as to generated the conversion condition for converting an input level in the object scanner to density data in the standard scanner. "

Claim 4 is allowed for the reasons explained in the office action mailed May 6, 2004.

Claims 5, 11 and 12 are allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach or suggest in claimed combination, "... wherein said generating means combines an inverse function of an input level-brightness conversion property of the object scanner, and input level-brightness conversion property of the standard scanner, and the brightness-density conversion condition of the standard scanner so as to generate the conversion condition for converting an input level in the object scanner to density data in the standard scanner. "

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Claim 6 is allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach in claimed combination, "... wherein said generating means executes generation of the correction condition for the scanner when the scanner is not judged to be the standard scanner and said generating means does not execute generation of the correction condition for the scanner when the scanner is judged to be the standard scanner."

Claim 7 is allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach or suggest in claimed combination, "... wherein said generating step combines an inverse function of an input level-brightness conversion property of the object scanner, an input level-brightness conversion property of the standard scanner and the brightness-density conversion condition of the standard scanner so as to generated the conversion condition for converting an input level in the object scanner to density data in the standard scanner."

Claim 8 is allowed for the same reason as presented in the office action mailed May 6, 2004.

Claims 13 and 14 are allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach or suggest in claimed combination, "... wherein said executing calibration step

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combines an inverse function of an input level-brightness conversion property of the reading device, an input level-brightness conversion property as determined by the reading property, and the brightness-density conversion condition corresponding to the predetermined reading property, so as to renew the brightness density conversion data."

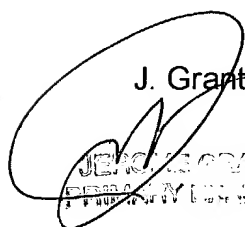
Claims 15 and 16 are allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach or suggest in claimed combination, "... wherein said generating means combines an inverse function of an input level-brightness conversion property of the object scanner, an input level-brightness conversion property of the standard scanner, and the brightness –density conversion condition of the standard scanner so as to generate the he conversion condition for converting an input level in the object scanner to density data in the standard scanner.

2.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerome Grant II whose telephone number is 703-305-4391. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly A Williams, can be reached on 703-305-4863. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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